

Fair, much colder tonight;
fair, colder tomorrow; brisk
westerly winds.

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FORCES RUSHED TO YALU RIVER

Russia and Japan Pouring in Troops, and
Europe Expects Early Clash.

France's Action in Dispatching War Vessels
to the Far East Considered Ominous.
Mikado's Consul Protests.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—No confirmation has as yet been received of the rumors current early this morning that the first serious clash on land between Russian and Japanese troops had occurred near the Yalu River, and that the Russians had been repulsed with a loss of 2,500 killed and wounded.

The rumors were most vague, giving no actual location and claiming no authenticity. The reports are discredited in many circles today, inasmuch as the Japanese are not thought to have sufficient forces in that vicinity to inflict such a crushing blow on Russian arms. Again, the Russians, according to official statements, were not prepared for such a fight at that point.

Early Clash Predicted.
It is generally thought this afternoon that the report is premature. It is true, however, that such a clash will doubtless occur in the near future. Russia, according to dispatches, received from the seat of war, is rushing troops to the vicinity of the Yalu River in divisions of thousands and tens of thousands. Japan is doing likewise, and the fight, when it comes, will be a decisive one, as well as one in which the casualties are bound to be terrific on account of the great numbers engaged.

The possibility of the war spirit spreading to Europe continues to be a subject of paramount interest today. Despite France's assertion that the dispatching of ships and men to the Far East has no sinister significance, there is little doubt that the situation is pregnant with warlike possibilities for the friends and opponents of Russia.

Chinese Complications.
Again, there is a possibility of complications arising over the action of the Chinese government in consenting to allow the Russian gunboat Mandjur to be dismantled and tied up at Shanghai to await the completion of hostilities. According to the Shanghai correspondent of the "Times," the Japanese consul at Shanghai last evening visited the Chinese governor and demanded that orders be given the commander of the Mandjur to leave port within twenty-four hours.

The governor went at once to the Russian consul and conveyed this order, stating that it was a violation of neutrality laws for the gunboat to remain. The consul replied that he had no authority to issue such an order to the commander of the vessel and referred the Chinese official to the Russian minister at Peking.

Gunboat Must Remain.
Later he stated that the gunboat must be allowed to remain, inasmuch as she was there under an arrangement approved by the Chinese government. The vessel would, therefore, remain at Shanghai during the remainder of the war.

The Japanese consul, when notified of this arrangement, entered a further and stiffer protest, maintaining that the presence of the Russian vessel in a neutral port was prejudicial to the establishment of regular merchant service with Japanese ports. No reply to this latest protest has as yet been sent.

**URGE BELLIGERENTS
TO CONFINE OPERATIONS**

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Pekin correspondent of the Central News wires that the American, French and German ministers have headed a committee of Japanese ministers identical notes urging both of the belligerents to take steps to prevent military operations in Chinese territory outside of Manchuria.

**CHINESE LOSE LIVES
BY BURSTING OF DAM**

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—A telegram from Tsinan-Fu, capital of the province of Shantung, China, states that a number of lives have been lost by the bursting of a dam in the Huang-Ho River, and that several villages have been destroyed.

**GENERAL KUROPATKIN
TO ASSUME COMMAND**

VIENNA, Feb. 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Neue Presse" wires that General Kuropatkin will be appointed to command the Russian forces in the Far East.

WEATHER REPORT.

There will be a cold wave tonight in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Interior of New York, with continued low temperatures tomorrow. It will also be much colder in the remainder of the Atlantic States, and slightly warmer tomorrow in the lower Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys.

The weather will be fair in the East and South, except in the middle and eastern lower lake region, where snow will continue tonight and tomorrow, and in the eastern mountain districts, where there will be snow tonight.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 40
12 noon 45
3 p. m. 48
6 p. m. 50

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 5:42 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:43 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 11:37 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 12:45 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 6:35 a. m., 7:24 p. m.

SUNGARI RIVER, AT HARBIN.



Across this stream stretches the Manchurian branch of the Siberian Railway. It is here also the Chinese Eastern Branch starts south to Dalny and Port Arthur.

TAKING INVENTORY OF MONEY STOCK

Bureau of Engraving and
Printing Examined.

WOMEN ARE THE COUNTERS

Work Has Not Been Done Before in
Eighteen Years, and Will Be
Completed Today.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE BRITISH STEAMER

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to Lloyds announces that the Russians have captured the British steamer Rosalie, bound from Cardiff for Vladivostok, at the latter place.

FRANCE RELUCTANT TO DESERT RUSSIA

PARIS, Feb. 22.—From a high official this morning the following statement regarding France's position with regard to Russia was obtained:

"Foreign Minister Delcasse, in announcing that France is not immediately concerned, and at the same time advising the French consuls to observe neutrality, went as far as possible under the circumstances. Any stronger declaration of neutrality would be interpreted as a too open desertion of Russia in her time of need."

"In the meantime, the French government is strengthening her forces in the East and taking other precautions in the fear that her hand will be forced either at home or abroad."

"As for the French people, while realizing that war would be the most unwise thing possible for them now, they face the possibility of deserting their friends, in which case they would fight, whatever the cost."

"Such is their position. Nobody is wanting to fight, but everybody is examining the possibilities, generally distrusting England's sincerity."

KAISER TO PREVENT OUTBREAK IN BALKANS

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Advices from Berlin to the "Birmingham Post" today state that the Kaiser, appreciating the extreme seriousness of affairs in the Far East, and recognizing the fact that Russia will have her resources taxed to the uttermost for some time to come, has assured the Czar of his resolve to prevent by all possible means an outbreak in the Balkans.

Every pressure will be brought to bear on Turkey to this end. It is regarded as certain, say the advices, that the Sultan will listen to the Kaiser more readily than to any other ruler of Europe.

TURKEY MUST FORCE BULGARIA TO ARMS

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 22.—Prince Ferdinand is enforcing the most prudent attitude on the part of Bulgaria, determined that if hostilities with Turkey occur, the latter country must be the aggressor.

Bulgaria is ready to fight, but she fears that either Austria or Russia will take the spoils in case she is victorious. Bulgaria's chief hope is that England will step in. In the event of Bulgaria's success, and see that fair play is given.

A CANARD NAILED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A report printed by the "Express" to the effect that King Edward is endeavoring to mediate in the Far East, is declared to be without foundation.

MR. DARLING IN PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. Darling, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, will deliver an address before the Society of the Cincinnati at the annual banquet of the organization to be held in Philadelphia tonight.

NIGHT SCHOOLS OPEN; VICTORY FOR TIMES

Superintendent Stuart Ascribes Granting of Appropriation by Congress to Persistent Agitation of Question in These Columns.

"Through the efforts and initiative of The Washington Times an additional appropriation for night schools in the District of Columbia has been granted by Congress, and the new session will begin on next Wednesday evening."—Superintendent of Schools, A. T. Stuart.

Trustees of the night schools and members of the Board of Education are unanimous in their declaration that it was through the persistent efforts of The Times that the matter was brought so forcibly before Congress and that body was made to see clearly the advisability and signal advantage of a continuance of the term. After much agitation through the columns of The Times and expressions of approval of its policy by many citizens of Washington an additional appropriation was granted by Congress and the schools will keep open until the end of the term.

New classes in bookkeeping and stenography are to be formed at the Business High School and in some of the other divisions. It is the desire of the Board of Education that all persons within the age limit who care to take advantage of the extended term will file their applications as early as possible. Many of the old pupils and others who would join the classes are not aware that it has been made possible to continue the term, and the announcement of new classes is made for their benefit.

Seven night schools are now in operation. Those for white children are conducted at the Franklin, Gales, Greenleaf, and the Business High School. Classes for colored children are held at the Stevens, Randall, and Armstrong Manual Training School. Three classes are held each week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Because of the holiday today no classes will be held, but on Wednesday a full attendance is expected.

Santo Domingo Rebels Insult United States

Series of Acts Government Cannot Afford to Ignore—Speculation as to the Proper Course to Be Pursued.

Insults to the United States at the hands of the Santo Domingo insurgents have accumulated so rapidly within the last few weeks that the Administration can no longer ignore them, and will soon take steps to protect American interests. Nothing will be done, however, until after the ratification of the Panama Canal treaty, and until full information is had concerning conditions in Santo Domingo. With cable and telegraph communications as defective as they are at present, it is impossible for the State Department to get a full understanding of the situation.

Senator Sanchez, the minister sent to the country by Santo Domingo, has never suggested to the State Department that a protectorate be established over the little republic. He has intimated, however, that Santo Domingo would be glad to have the United States stand in the same relation to it that the United States stands to Cuba. No such arrangement would be favored by the State Department.

It is not believed this country will do more than protect Dominican ports from the annoyances which have interfered with commerce since the outbreak of the recent revolutions. This would be done chiefly by United States warships and consequently a visit of the general board to Santo Domingo is believed to be imperative.

United States Minister Powell's reports to the State Department for the last six months have been a series of accounts of vandalism. At Samana last month a band of insurgents attacked the United States consulate and removed two refugees who had sought shelter there. At Santo Domingo the insurgents fired deliberately upon American seamen and killed Machinist Johnson. Telephone and telegraph lines belonging to Americans have been cut in various parts of the island and Americans who have ranches in the Dominican republic have been persecuted by insurgents, who have killed cattle and offered every possible insult to American subjects.

It was made clear by State Department officials several weeks ago that the crimes of the Dominicans against

MOTION TO RECOMMIT PERSONAL TAX MEASURE

Mr. Cowherd in the House today moved to recommit the bill amending the personal tax law to the District Committee for further consideration. The bill has already been reported to the House, with amendments, by Mr. Cowherd and was to have been taken up today.

The purpose of recommitting the bill is to make a further change in the provision affecting such concerns as newspapers and real estate corporations, which under the amended measure will be assessed upon an approved valuation of their capital stock. It is probable that the committee will report the bill so as to continue the provisions of the present law in this respect.

RINGLEADER OF REBELS SENTENCED TO HANG

MANILA, Feb. 22.—Corporal Ayala, ringleader of the members of the revolutionary force, who recently revolted at Vigan, Luzon, was captured last Monday. He has since been tried, convicted, and sentenced by the court at Vigan to be hanged.

Very few of the men who deserted their posts remain uncaptured, and most of the arms and ammunition taken by them have been recovered. A reward of \$2,500 has been offered for the capture of Hicarte, the revolutionist leader.

HONOR MEMORY OF WASHINGTON

Legal Holiday Is Observed in Departments
and by Many Private Institutions of
the Capital City.

HOUSE REFUSES TO HEAR WASHINGTON'S LAST ADDRESS

Alexandrians Have Elaborate Parade, Attended by Prominent Officials—Sons and Daughters Celebrate.

Sunshine this afternoon, after the rain and sleet of the early morning, cheered the hearts of those organizations in and around Washington which had prepared to celebrate in proper fashion today the 172d anniversary of the birth of the first President.

The day is a legal holiday, and Government clerks, free from their work, had ample opportunity to show their public spirit by taking part in the celebrations in the various halls of the city. Many private institutions are also closed and their employees have been prominent in all the exercises.

DAY IN ALEXANDRIA.

Alexandria has been the main attraction for the past week for those who wished to especially honor George Washington today. The citizens of that city, the early history of which was so closely identified with the life of Washington, and which contains so many personal moments of him, have arranged a celebration on a most extensive scale. The bad weather of the early morning was a disappointment to the promoters of the undertaking, but they took a more cheerful view of the situation when the sun appeared.

Governor Montague of Virginia and other leading men of the State are guests of Alexandria today, and are assisting the city to commemorate the life of Washington in the State of his birth.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was chief marshal of the occasion, and as a staff he had many of the best-known men of the Old Dominion.

MILITARY IN EVIDENCE.

Military companies from all over the State, secret societies, companies of firemen from Alexandria and other cities, civic bodies, charitable and religious organizations, were in line, and gave color and impressiveness to the scene.

Great preparations had been made by Alexandrians for the entertainment of spectators from out of town, as well as for the distinguished visitors, and anybody who was a member of any organization has been sure of a cordial reception in the old city today. The parade was scheduled to start at 2:45 p. m., and visitors who were early on the scene improved the opportunity to wander through the streets and visit places made famous by their association with the career of Washington.

SONS OF REVOLUTION.

Sons of the Revolution gathered in the banquet hall of the New Willard this morning at 10 o'clock and held the exercises which have become part of the society's annual tribute to the first President. The Rev. John Randolph McKim, chaplain of the United States Senate, made the opening prayer. The Hon. Martin A. Knapp delivered an address. Major John Tweedale read two sketches on the life of George Washington. Music was furnished by the Marine Band.

Members of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants devoted the day to the memory of Washington. They met in Carroll Institute Hall, and after a business session from 10 a. m. to noon, devoted the remainder of the time to appropriate exercises in honor of Washington. Allison Naylor, Jr., read the "Farewell Address," and the Hon. Simon Wolf made appropriate remarks.

PRESIDENT PLANTS TREE.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt marked the day by planting two memorial trees. They were fern-leaf beeches, and were planted on either side of the driveway at east of the White House grounds.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their exercises tonight at 8 o'clock in the Church of Our Father, Thirteenth and L Streets northwest. Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main is chairman of the committee of arrangements. Senator Heyburn of Idaho will be the star speaker. James Dubois will give a short talk on "The National Hymn." Patriotic songs will be interspersed at frequent intervals.

Burnside Post, G. A. R., will give a patriotic entertainment and lecture tonight at the First Congregational Church.

RED MEN AT LARGE.

The first of the Washington Birthday exercises was held yesterday by Seneca Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, in the wigwag, 316 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast. The affair was a success and was largely attended by the members of the tribe. The committee in charge consisted of J. E. Payne, C. D. Scott, J. S. Harbin, and others.

There was no celebration in the public schools today, but tomorrow the example of Washington's life will be impressed upon the pupils, with patriotic music and addresses by the teachers.

Alexandria Celebrates Washington's Birthday

Alexandria today celebrated the 172d anniversary of the birth of her illustrious townsman, Gen. George Washington. The city was thronged with visitors from Washington, Richmond, Lynchburg, and other cities, as well as from the surrounding country. All received a hearty welcome and were hospitably entertained.

The city has been getting ready for the celebration for some time, and as early as last Wednesday the business men of the city were beginning to decorate their premises.

Half-Holiday Observed.

Alexandria presented as gay an appearance from early morn as the dreary weather would permit. All the business houses on the main business street, and most of the private residences, were handsomely decorated. Nearly all the stores closed at 12 o'clock and gave their clerks half holiday. The public schools had holiday, and the children from them added to the crowds in the streets.

The distinguished visitors began to arrive in the city early this morning. They were first taken to the headquarters of the association, at the rooms of the Business Men's League, corner of King and Washington Streets, but were afterward entertained by the members of the association in their homes.

LOOMIS IS NOW LIKELY TO VISIT SANTO DOMINGO

Assistant Secretary Loomis of the State Department and the General Board of the Navy will probably visit Santo Domingo before returning to the United States from the winter maneuvers in the Caribbean.

It is known that President Roosevelt has been trying for some time to find a suitable man to investigate affairs in Santo Domingo, where insults are offered almost daily to American citizens.

Organizations Active.

The military organizations had their headquarters at the old Hill bakery building in North Lee Street, the soldiers being fed at the army in South Royal Street. The press committee had their headquarters in the new Alexandria National Bank building, at the northeast corner of King and Royal